

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Examiner's January 29, 2004, Official Action and respectfully requests reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following comments.

Claims 1-16 have been canceled, and new claims 17-24 added. Claims 17-24 remain in the application for consideration.

The Examiner has rejected claims 9-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Scheibel '475. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection especially as applied to new claims 17-24.

New claims 17-24 have been drafted to better identify the structural differences and the result achieved therefrom from those of Scheibel as set out on pages 4 and 5 of Applicant's December 1, 2003 response, which response Applicant requests be incorporated herein by reference. Clearly, the Scheibel device does not teach the forming of an "ice-lining" or the engagement of a liquid material into such ice-lining in a uniform thickness as claimed by Applicant.

Applicant submits that the invention is new and unobvious and not disclosed by the cited art. Accordingly,

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Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's early review and issuance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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